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E.O. 11652
TAGS: EFIS, EC
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO IDENTIFY ILLEGALLY FISHING TUNA BOATS

1. ECUADOREAN NAVY INFORMED EMB AT 1730 LOCAL TIME THAT TWO TUNA BOATS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED FISHING OFF THE COAST WEST OF SALINAS WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTATION. BOATS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JUPITER AND RAVENA (POSSIBLY RAVENNA). BOATS ARE CLEARLY WITHIN 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMED BY ECUADOR.

2. ADMIRAL POVEDA HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT BOATS NOT BE CHALLENGED UNTIL IDENTITY AND NATIONAL REGISTRY ARE CLARIFIED. HOWEVER, NAVY IMPLIED THAT DOMESTIC FISHING BOATS MAY ALSO SEE THE TWO BOATS AND THE NAVY WILL BE PRESSURED INTO APPLYING FISHING REGULATIONS.

3. EMB HAS NO RECORD OF EITHER BOAT AND THEY DID NOT APPEAR AMONG US AND THIRD COUNTRY SHIPS WHICH ECUADOREAN CONSULATES REPORTED AS HAVING RECEIVED MATRICULAS BY END OF JANUARY.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IMMEDIATELY THROUGH FELANDO PEOPLE OF AMERICAN TUNA BOAT ASSOCIATION OR ELSEWHERE WHETHER BOATS HAVE ANY US CONNECTION AND CABLE RESPONSE NIACT OR
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CALL US DIRECTLY.

5. IF BOATS TURN OUT TO BE US REGISTERED, DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO POINT OUT TO OWNERS ON ATA THAT BOATS ARE RISKING SEIZURE WITH ALL THE FINANCIAL AND HUMAN COSTS THAT ENTAILS, AS WELL AS JEOPARDIZING LARGER US INTERESTS HERE. ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT IRREGULAR, BOATS COULD OBTAIN MATRICULA AND/OR LICENSE IN

GUAYAQUIL IF THEY WITHDREW BEYOND 200-MILE LIMIT AND
THEN RADIOED ECUADOREAN NAVY AND ASKED PERMISSION TO ENTER FOR
THAT PURPOSE.

6. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT ANY INCIDENT AT THIS TIME
COULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES FOR MRS. CARTER'S IMMINENT
VISIT HERE.
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